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For Reconsideration filed 08 October 2002 were also discussed. It was agreed that the prior art of record does not disclose a nonswellable absorbent material which is capable of absorbing at least about 10.5 times its own weight in water under conditions where no volume expansion is possible. It was agreed that further consideration would be given to an amendment which incorporates this limitation into the independent claims.

Accordingly, please amend independent Claims 45, 62 and 102 as follows:

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45. (Twice Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:

- a liquid-permeable layer;
- a substantially liquid-impermeable layer; and
- an absorbent body between the liquid-permeable layer and the substantially liquid-impermeable layer;

the absorbent body comprising a flowable absorbent material which is nonswellable and remains able to flow after absorbing at least about 10.5 grams water per gram flowable absorbent material.

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62. (Twice Amended) The absorbent article, comprising:

a substantially liquid-impermeable layer;

an absorbent body connected to the substantially liquid-impermeable layer in a central region of the substantially liquid-impermeable layer; and

a liquid permeable layer over a side of the absorbent body opposite the substantially liquid-impermeable layer;

the absorbent body comprising a flowable absorbent material which is nonswellable and remains able to flow after absorbing at least about 10.5 grams water per gram flowable absorbent material.

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102. (Twice Amended) A hygiene article, comprising:

a liquid-permeable layer;

a substantially liquid-impermeable layer; and

an absorbent body between the liquid-permeable layer and the substantially liquid-impermeable layer;

the absorbent body comprising a flowable absorbent material which is nonswellable and remains able to flow after absorbing at least about 10.5 grams water per gram flowable absorbent material.

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